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Hello,

I would like to submit a public comment regarding the Portland Harbor Superfund Site. I am a Portland resident living in the Kenton neighborhood.

The EPA should uphold the original cleanup levels. The responsible parties can and should pay for the cleanup and restoration efforts to a point that is not simply at the current baseline, but to one that assumes the waste is as hazardous as it was first identified as. The amount of resources invested in the cleanup should not be reduced by \$35 million.

One particularly disappointing change is the change to the Principal Threat Waste threshold allowed for cPAHs from 106,000 to 774,000 µg/kg. As these materials are highly toxic or highly mobile or present a significant risk to human health or the environment, this information is particularly concerning to me. I have swam in the Willamette before learning about this toxic waste. I would like to raise children here one day and would like them to be able to swim in the river near our home. I believe it is politically irresponsible not to invest resources to a level consistent with the original findings and that the EPA will lose credibility with community members.

Thank you for your time and attention to my comments and concerns.

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